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SUBJECT: SECRETARY BUTZ STATEMENT JUNE 20

1. SECRETARY BUTZ'S JUNE 20 STATEMENT THAT ECONOMIC RETALIATION WOULD BE CONSIDERED IF CANADIANS MAINTAIN PRESENT BARRIERS AGAINST IMPORTS OF AMERICAN BEEF IS OF COURSE A REFLECTION OF RISING US DOMESTIC PRESSURES ON THIS SUBJECT, ALTHOUGH CANADA PROBABLY DOES NOT ABSORB MORE THAN A SMALL PER CENT OF US BEEF PRODUCTION.

2. BUTZ STATEMENT CAME AS CANADIAN ELECTION CAMPAIGN NEARING ITS FINAL STAGE, AND EVOKED SHARP GOVERNMENT AND MEDIA REACTION, CAUSING ONE CANADIAN OFFICIAL TO COMMENT THAT THIS CABINET WOULD FIND IT EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO APPEAR TO MAKE CONCESSIONS IN EXISTING ATMOSPHERE.

3. WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO DETERMINE WHETHER BUTZ COORDINATED WITH OR SOUGHT DEPARTMENT'S ADVICE. I STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT THERE BE NO FURTHER STATEMENTS MADE ON SUBJECT WHILE NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUE.

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